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Muscatine County town of Stockton on boil advisory

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STOCKTON – A broken water main caused the city of Stockton to advise residents to boil their drinking water starting this morning.

The break occurred about 8:20 a.m. Thursday and affects the entire town.

Once repairs are completed, the city will flush the system and collect water samples for testing.

The city and DNR recommend residents boil their water until testing shows water is safe to drink. Water line breaks can allow bacteria to enter the system.

Residents should bring all water used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth or preparing food to a boil, let it boil for one minute and let it cool before using. Or, use bottled water. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Residents can use tap water for bathing and similar purposes.

For more information, call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Water Summary Update: May the sixth wettest on record in Iowa

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DES MOINES — Since last June, Iowa has seen its wettest 12-month stretch on record, with this May being the sixth wettest on record, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

“Not only was precipitation in May greater than normal for Iowa, the past 12 months have been the wettest on record for Iowa and for nearly all of the surrounding states,” said Tim Hall, DNR’s coordinator of hydrology resources. “River flooding continues to be of concern on both the Missouri and the Mississippi rivers.”

Temperatures were cooler than normal in May. The last 12 months were the 34th coolest in 124 years of records.

Streamflow conditions in much of the state increased from normal and above normal conditions in April to much above normal and high conditions in May. Streamflow conditions across the majority of the state remain much above normal.

For a thorough review of Iowa’s water resource trends, go to www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

Spawning stress causes panfish kills in Iowa lakes

Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologists are starting to receive phone calls about dead bluegill and crappies in lakes.

“Several dozen dead panfish were reported at Lake Iowa Park in Iowa County early last week,” said Paul Sleeper, fisheries management biologist.

These natural fish kills are a common occurrence at a number of lakes each spring during spawning season. The spawning season is very stressful.

“We see more spawning stress fish kills when we have a cool spring and then everything warms up quickly, like it did this year,” explained Sleeper. “Everything comes in to spawn at once and any infection can spread quickly through the population.”

Spawning season is not the only time natural fish kills occur, it also happens during ice out and the heat of July-August. Natural fish kills periodically occur when populations reach certain levels and it usually only affects the weaker fish of one species.

If you see several species or sizes of dead fish or a pollutant present, call the DNR’s 24-hour spill line at 515-725-8694 as soon as possible. Quick reporting can help DNR staff identify the cause of a fish kill and potentially stop a fish kill in progress.

Air Quality permits under review

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DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans’ health and the air where we live. DNR’s

permitting staff review the applications to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality standards. The public has the right and is encouraged to comment on draft permits. DNR considers [public comments](#) before finalizing the permits. Submit comments in writing to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the public comment period.

Title V Operating Permits

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft.

Hardin County

Pine Lake Corn Processors – 33371 170th St., Steamboat Rock.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC facility. The public comment period ends July 13.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modified sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch.

Chickasaw County

Homeland Energy Solutions, LLC – 2779 Iowa Highway 24, Lawler.

Project No. 18-420, Modification of control equipment operating parameters and increase in fermentation capacity. The public comment period ends July 15.



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